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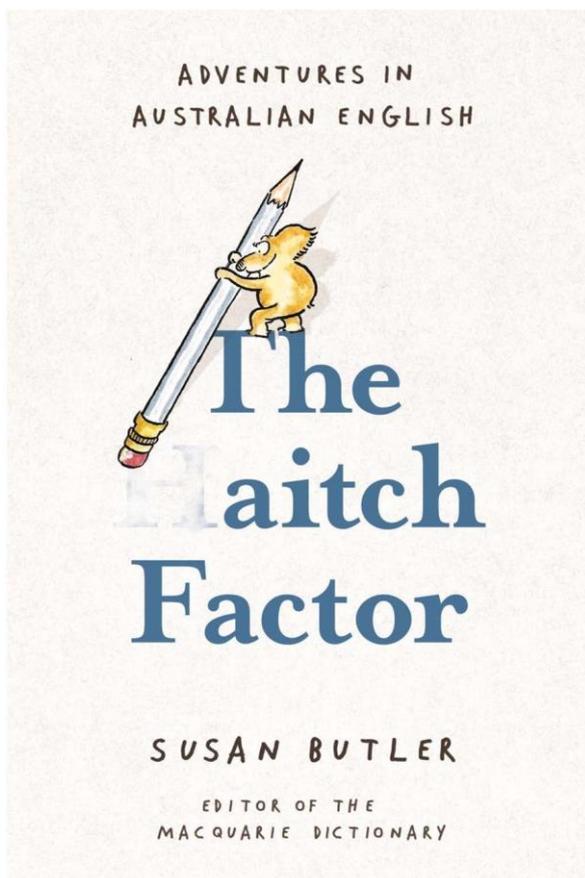
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# THE AITCH FACTOR

## By Susan Butler

From the editor of the Macquarie Dictionary, Australia's national dictionary, comes this lively, and often hilarious, debate on Australian English.



*Only dead languages don't change; living ones change all the time.*

From aitch to amazeballs, from mondegreens to man boobs, there is no topic too controversial or complex for Australia's most influential editor, Susan Butler.

Sue, a long-time editor of the Macquarie Dictionary, takes you on an insightful, often hilarious exploration of the words you think you know and a few you've never heard. She looks at why we keep changing our pronunciation of Beijing, when to use a hyphen, why we really should just take a stand and ban the apostrophe, and why saying "Haitch" once meant social death in certain circles.

Whether you're from Melbourne or Mooloolaba, this is a quirky and beautifully designed hardcover gift book sure to delight word lovers and language aficionados alike.

### About Susan Butler

Susan Butler is the Editor of the *Macquarie Dictionary*, Australia's national dictionary, and, as Editor, is largely responsible for the selection and writing of new words.

She has been Publisher since the early 80s, and has also written the *Dinkum Dictionary*, published in its third edition in 2009. Sue is a regular commentator on Australian English on radio, television and the internet.

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